

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 05-50508
USDC No. 6:05-CV-54
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CHARLES R. FULBRIDGE II
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

WILLIAM LAWRENCE ANDERSON,

Defendant-Appellant.

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas

O R D E R:

William Lawrence Anderson, federal prisoner # 35571-180, seeks a certificate of appealability (COA) to appeal the district court's dismissal of his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion. Anderson filed his § 2255 motion to challenge his guilty-plea conviction and sentence for attempting to manufacture methamphetamine.

Anderson argues that his plea agreement was breached because he was sentenced based on conduct associated with an indictment that was to be dismissed pursuant to the plea agreement. He claims that his due process rights were violated by the application of a two-level enhancement under U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1(b)(5)(A). Anderson contends that his counsel was

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ineffective for failing to object to the enhancements recommended by the probation officer and for failing to object to the alleged violation of the plea agreement. He also claims that his sentence violates Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), Blakely v. Washington, 542 U.S. 296 (2004), and United States v. Booker, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), because facts used to enhance his sentence were not admitted by him or proven to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt.

To obtain a COA, Anderson must make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). This requires Anderson to "demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2002).

Anderson has failed to make the showing required to obtain a COA. See id.; United States v. Gentry, 432 F.3d 600, 605-06 (5th Cir. 2005); United States v. Brown, 305 F.3d 304, 310 (5th Cir. 2002). Accordingly, his motion for a COA is DENIED. Gentry's motion to proceed in forma pauperis is likewise DENIED.



E. GRADY JOLLY
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE

